Appl. No. 09/966,696 Response to Office Action of March 19, 2004

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim -4- 20, wherein the container holder includes a-body and a flange connected to the body, wherein the flange has a circumference greater than a circumference of a the channel in the support bolster adapted to receive the container holder.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 4- 20, wherein the securing member item holder includes a hook.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 4- 20, wherein the base container holder includes a base and a body connected to the base, said base defining defines at least one opening which enables fluid to drain through the base.

Claims 9 -11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 11 20, wherein the securing member portion includes means for inhibiting an item from being easily removed from the item holder.

Claims 13 -19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet including a bolster mounted to the cabinet and a combined containeritem holder attached to said bolster, said bolster defining a channel for receiving the container-item holder, and said container-item holder adapted to simultaneously hold a container in or above the bolster and a personal item below the bolster, said containeritem holder including:

a container holder mounted in the channel, said container holder including a base and a body extending upwardly from the base, said base and body defining a chamber adapted to receive and hold said container; and

an item holder including a connecting member connected to the base of the container holder and a securing member connected to the connecting member.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the connecting member is rotatably connected to the base.

Claims 22 - 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22 20, wherein the channel is cylindrical.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 22 20, wherein the channel extends substantially vertically through the entire support bolster.

Claims 26 - 37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 36 <u>54</u>, wherein the <u>bottom surface</u> base defines at least one opening which enables fluid to drain from the chamber.

Claims 39 – 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (currently amended): The gaming device of the Claim 42 54, wherein the bottom surface and the container holding portion includes a base, a body extending from the base, said base and body defining define a chamber for receiving and holding a container.

Claims 45 - 53 (canceled)

Claim 54 (previously presented): A gaming device including a cabinet and a bolster connected to the cabinet, wherein the bolster includes a substantially vertically extending channel, said gaming device comprising:

a combined container-item holder including:

a container holder mounted in the channel, said container holder having a bottom surface, a body defining at least one opening to enable fluid to drain from the container holder and a flange connected to the body, said flange having a circumference greater than the circumference of the channel; and

at least one hook projecting from the bottom surface of the container holder, said hook including a relatively straight connecting portion and a securing portion connected to the connecting portion, said securing portion enabling a player to securely and removably connect at least one item to the hook, wherein said securing portion includes an inhibiting device for inhibiting the item from being easily removed from the item holder.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 54, wherein the inhibiting device includes a spring activated clip.